

# The Democrat

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Why doesn't Zepplin experiment with submarines?

New York continues to grow in every way but good

There is hope, indeed. Nevada has shut down on gambling.

If Count Zepplin isn't discouraged, have you any reason to be?

Aeroplane are good for round shoulders and hollow chests.

These are golden days for the railroads, as well as the farmers.

A number of London people have appendicitis. That's one style we set, anyhow.

An Englishman has invented a triplane. We presume it falls three times as hard.

A \$10,000,000 shoe corporation has been formed in Massachusetts. Now watch the cowhide.

New York spends \$35,000,000 a year on charity, and even at that New York is a bad place to go broke in.

Poughkeepsie court enjoins a husband from speaking to his wife for 30 days. Now stand aside and listen to wife!

New York paper claims "4,700,000 souls" for New York. Nonsense! The census showed only that number of people.

New York man resigns a \$4,000 position because there's not enough work to do. You just can't please some people.

A Massachusetts man has invented a flexible rolling pin which, we trust, will not make the pie crust more rubbery than ever.

According to the astronomers there is an unusual amount of moisture on Mars just now. Canning time, perhaps, no doubt.

If a woman asks \$5,000 damages for jabbing herself with her own hatpin, how much would she earn by putting out somebody else's eye?

Now that sharks are known to be good food they become doubly useful for they have always provided a superior quality of fish stories.

A Chicago woman asked a divorce because her husband wore her underwear. This is a case where clothes make the man trouble.

A man at Scranton, Pa., who claims to have a hen that lays seven eggs a day should be hired by party campaign committees to claim elections.

Here's a Boston preacher calling Newport "the vestibule of hell." This will disappoint many Newporters who thought they were really on the inside.

An American promoter is about to build an amusement park in Rome. The ancient ruins will have to put in vaudeville attractions to hold the crowds.

If you knew what a woman was doing all the time, you wouldn't worry so much—or else you would worry more. Settle that with your conscience.

Connecticut man shot himself in the head ten times and still lives. That's what Connecticut men get for substituting wooden nutmegs for genuine vines.

The per capita circulation of the United States is now \$35.03! Almost any paragraph that comments on this will have his share if somebody will lend him \$35.

One authority advises dyspeptics to eat a teaspoonful of sand with each meal. And just after a doctor told me not to put sugar on my oatmeal! Now what'll we do?

A New York waiter recently bought \$100,000 worth of government bonds. Just what his jocular patrons no doubt advised him time and again to do with the quarters they tipped him.

Wisconsin man loses an eye by being jabbed with a hatpin while he was kissing his wife good-by, in the morning. Experienced husbands have learned to dodge such perils.

Pacific coast artillerymen made nine hits out of ten shots at a distance of three miles with five-inch guns in a fun. How would you like to play cannon ball pool with those fellows?

"Fighting Bob" Evans says the airship is a mere plaything and would amount to nothing as a weapon of war. "Fighting Bob" may be pardoned for clinging to an old-fashioned faith in the efficacy of the battleship.

The New England swain who started to foreclose a mortgage which he held on the home of the father of the girl who refused his attention ought to have his attention called to the fact that even medocrama long ago dropped this once popular form of love's cruel revenge.

One of Chicago's health rules for pupils is "don't run to school." Even in Shakespeare's time they knew better than that—"creeping like snails unwilling to school." And boys haven't changed much in that respect.

Perhaps the oddest suit ever entered is that of a young woman in St. Paul, who is suing another woman's estate for \$2,000 for transfusion of blood supplied in an attempt to save the latter's life. This is blood money in a new sense.

When you consider how many good people are shed and asleep at three o'clock in the morning, it is astonishing that there are such numbers hurt in automobile accidents at that hour.

# ASCENDS 9,714 FEET

JOHNSTONE BREAKS WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD AT CLOSE OF AVIATION MEET.

IS WINNER OF \$2,000 PRIZE

Lack of Fuel Prevents Darling Aviator Going Still Higher—Moliant Captures Another Prize—Englishman Falls in Speed Event.

New York.—The international aviation meet was brought to a close in a blaze of glory Monday when Ralph Johnstone, flying in a Wright "baby" biplane, a craft which he drove for the first time in his aerial flights, broke the world's altitude record by ascending to a height of 9,714 feet.

His daringly spectacular feat won him a prize of \$2,000. He had been able to soar just 287 feet higher he would have won an additional prize of \$5,000 offered on the condition that the altitude record be over 10,000 feet. It was prevented from reaching this height because his machine would not climb and more on account of lack of fuel. The previous record was 9,186 feet.

Johnstone took about one hour and twenty-six minutes to reach his highest point in the sky. For an hour he was utterly beyond the sight of the naked eye. He made his descent from the perilous height of almost two miles in the air in less than six minutes.

A great air race from Belmont Park around the Statue of Liberty in New York bay and return for a bet of \$10,000 a side probably will conclude the challenge issued by Claude Grahame-White to John B. Moisant. The challenge is the result of Sunday's race over the same course in which Moisant defeated the Englishman by forty-three seconds.

Grahame-White issued the formal challenge and the Chicago aviator said he would accept it.

Moisant, flying the Bleriot in which he captured the Statue of Liberty prize, won the race of America's distance prize of \$2,000. In two hours he made the course fifty-six times, a total distance of about eight-seven and one-half miles.

Moisant made a sensational landing in front of the grand stand, smashing his propeller and breaking one wheel of his monoplane. He climbed out of the machine, however, uninjured. Latham was second in the race with the "C" type.

Graham-White, who was flying in the speed race against McCurdy, overturned in front of the grand stand and was buried under the machine. Helpers lifted the machine off him and he walked out limping slightly, waving his hand to the crowd to let them know he was not seriously injured. His machine was damaged.

OVERRULES LINE DEMURRER

State of Illinois is Victor Over Illinois Central Railroad Decision by High Court.

Springfield, Ill.—A decision of the supreme court of Illinois handed down Friday in the tax case of the state against the Illinois Central Railroad company.

This decision won every important contention with the railroad company. The opinion holds the accounts prior to 1905 have been accepted by the state and payment made thereon, and that therefore they are not subject to further inquiry.

But for the future settlements and for the settlement of all accounts since Governor Deneen came into office, the court lays down hard and fast rules for accounting by which the state will reap a reward of \$2,000,000 a year more in taxes than it has been receiving from the Illinois Central Railroad company.

When the Illinois Central tendered its first payment under Governor Deneen's administration he accepted the money with the understanding the accounting upon which the money was tendered was subject to revision. This act of the part of the governor, the court holds, nullifies all transactions with the road during his administration subject to further accounting.

The court remands the case to the circuit court of La Salle county, with instructions to proceed in accordance with the views in its opinion. Unless the railroad accepts the court's decision as final, the circuit court of La Salle county will no doubt appoint a master to go into all the details of the accounting since 1905, and the case may be prolonged indefinitely.

The suit against the Illinois Central was filed early in December, 1907, by the attorney general, following a message from Governor Deneen to the legislature, declaring that the road had been so manipulating its accounts as to credit millions of its earnings to the non-charter lines, not subject to the tax of 7 per cent. Later accounting revealed the amount which Governor Deneen declared the road owed to the state from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Morley Gives Up Office.

London.—It was stated Tuesday Viscount Morley has resigned the office of secretary of state for India, and the fact that he declines information on the subject is accepted as confirmation of the report.

Sir William Agnew Dies.

London.—Sir William Agnew, one of the proprietors of Punch, is dead, aged eighty-five. He was chairman of the publishing firm of Bradbury, Agnew & Co., and was made a baronet by Queen Victoria in 1895.

Safety Effort Kills Two.

Rutland, Vt.—Reaching for an old floating ball that he might bail out the boat, one of a party of three belated fishermen who were rowing on the Otter river Monday, tipped over the little craft and two were drowned. The other man swam ashore.

Gary Has 16,802 Population.

Washington.—The population of Gary, Ind., is 16,802, according to the census bureau. Gary was not incorporated when the 1900 census was taken.

Editor Held on Libel Charge.

Philadelphia.—A charge of criminal libeling Congressman John K. Tener, the Republican candidate for governor, E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor and publisher of the North American of this city, was Friday held in \$5,000 bail for court.

Boy Killed in Football.

Easton, Md.—Lee Simpson, aged eighteen years, of Trappe, died Friday at his home from the effects of an injury received while playing football at the Trappe high school.

# AWARD NINE HEROES MEDALS

FIFTY-EIGHT PERSONS ADDED TO CARNEGIE FUND.

Thirteen Brave Fellows at Cherry Disaster Receive Recognition—Widows and Children Remembered.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Fifty-eight names were added to the Carnegie fund list in the United States by the Carnegie hero fund commission at its last meeting. For acts of heroism thirty silver and twenty-eight bronze medals were awarded the life savers or their families in cases where death resulted.

While heroes and heroines come from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific, the greatest number (sixteen) come from Illinois.

The Cherry mine disaster has been considered and thirteen heroes are named from its rescuing parties. First of all is Isaac Lewis, liverman, who rescued some miners and then lost his life. His widow is given a silver medal and \$40 per month pension, with \$5 additional for each of three children until they become sixteen years of age.

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